

## 5th Grade December Newsletter

We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Vacation with your families. Family time is so important to the kids. Take some time to be together, play cards, play in the snow, cook meals and eat together without the regular daily pressures. We are blessed to work with these great children, they make every day unique and joyful. Thank you for being such wonderful parents who teach their children to love learning and inspire them to do the best that they can.

Mrs. Doolittle and Mr. Conforti



### Great Gift Idea:

We have been doing a lot of word processing in class this year. Many of the students have expressed that it is difficult to type on the iPad screens. We suggest parents look into inexpensive **bluetooth keyboards** as stocking stuffers. You can find them at Five Below or Amazon for a great price.

### Christmas Party and Gift Exchange (Optional):

The holiday season is here! Tuesday, December 22nd we will be having (an optional) gift exchange with all the classmates. If you would like to participate, you **MUST** bring a gift for your gender, and it should be the kind of gift you would enjoy. The price of the gift is \$5 max, and it should be wrapped or in a holiday gift bag. The celebration will start at 2:00pm. If you bring a gift, you will receive a gift.

## The Basket of Facts!

### Reading

We have been working on Unit 3: Imagination so far this month. The students have had a blast learning about Fantasy Elements, and understanding how their Imagination is a truly valuable thing.

**Reading Log update:** Reading Logs are still incredibly important for your child. Please ensure that while they are reading 30 minutes at home each night, they also have their Log next to

them to fill in. Thank you for the support from home. **These are always due on Mondays.**

### **Writing**

Students are currently working on their Narrative Writing Essays. They have also been creating Fantasy Short Stories, which will be going home at the end of the month.

### **Science**

We have started a new science unit about force and motion. Right now, the kids are creating informational posters about different topics that involve force and motion. Starting very soon, we will be creating, testing, and redesigning our balloon cars. We will start bringing in materials next week. These materials will be items out of the recycling bin.

### **Math**

We just finished up our volume unit this week. The kids took a test on Thursday, and that should be coming home early next week. Our next unit will be about fractions. This is a rather long unit, and will probably take us well over a month. There is a lot that goes into fractions, and we will be using all of our skills from earlier in the year to help us along the way. A major way for you to help at home is to practice those times table flash cards. Multiplication plays an integral role in everything that is fractions.